# Executive Summary

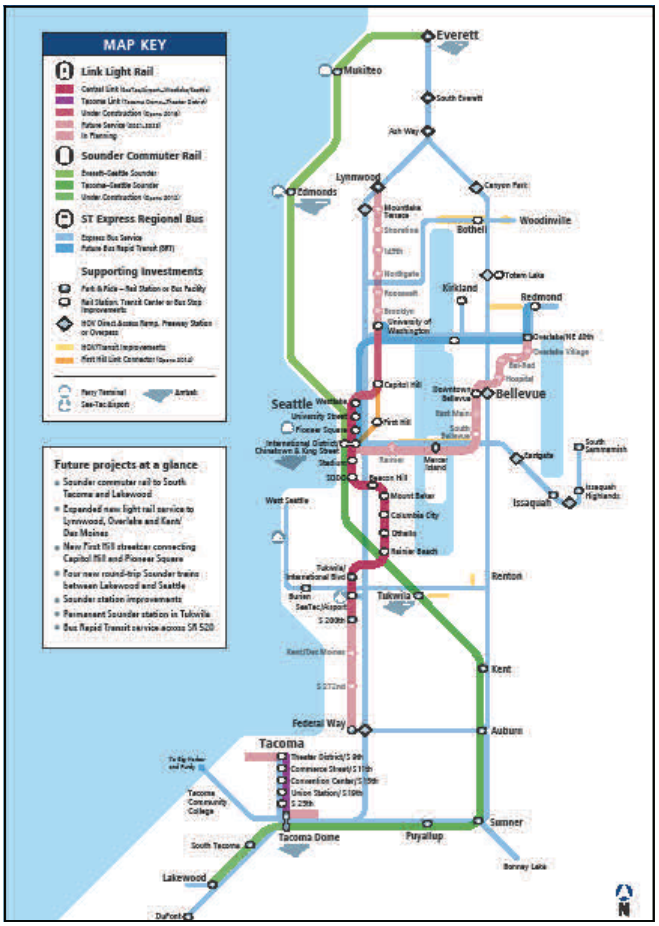
## Sound Transit Capital Program

### Agency Activities and Monitored Issues

### 2013 Milestones released

Sound Transit's 2013 Milestones, which were released in January, outline the agency's major goals for the new year. Sound Transit has 34 milestones for 2013; they include carrying more than 28 million passengers for the year. The milestones also include adding a new Sounder round trip between Lakewood and Seattle. Permanent track installation will begin for the University Link light rail extension. Later this year, all tunnel work on the project will be completed with train service expected to start in 2016. Last year, the agency completed 24 of its 33 milestones, with most of those uncompleted milestones being finished up this year.

The milestones reflect significant progress for the Link light rail expansion projects, including start of preconstruction on Northgate Link's Roosevelt and U District Stations, construction of the S. 200th Link Extension and full scale prototype testing of the I-90 track bridge for the East Link Extension. In addition, a new ST Express Route 567 will begin running later this year between Kent and the Overlake Transit Center.




*Current and future transit improvements*

### New DOT Secretary joins Board

Lynn Peterson, the new Secretary of the state Department of Transportation, joined the Sound Transit Board in March. She was recently appointed to the top DOT post by Governor Jay Inslee. The Secretary of Transportation is automatically a member of the Sound Transit Board. Ms. Peterson replaces Paula Hammond, who served with distinction on the Board for more than five years.

Before joining WSDOT, Boardmember Peterson was Oregon Governor John Kitzhaber's Sustainable Communities and Transportation policy advisor. She is the former chair of the Clackamas County Commission and a nationally recognized transportation and land-use integration expert. She will also serve on the Sound Transit Board's Executive Committee.

### Lighting retrofit

Sustainability is a core value at Sound Transit—and that means looking for ways to save energy whenever possible. To that end, the Sound Transit Board recently approved a contract to install energy-reducing lighting at the Federal Way Transit Center.

The contract with Ameresco Quantum LLC includes the design, installation and verification of light emitting diode (LED) fixtures at the transit center as well as photo cell controls and occupancy sensors. The agency expects to save about $38,000 in energy costs in the first year. In addition to the energy savings, the extended life of the LED lights should reduce maintenance costs by approximately $15,000 a year. The project is also eligible for a one-time utility incentive of $136,343.

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### Planning for future regional transit expansion

The Sound Transit Board approved a work plan for future system expansion. Over the next two years, staff will study eight potential corridors throughout the region for future high-capacity transit. The agency will also update its regional Long-Range Plan with required environmental documentation. Public involvement will be an important component of this work.

Taken together, these efforts will provide the Board with the information to decide whether and when to ask voters to approve a future system expansion, and the projects and services such that a ballot measure might include.

### Citizen Oversight Panel 2012 report

Sound Transit's Citizen Oversight Panel's (COP) 2012 Year-End Report focused on system expansion, service capacity, revenue challenges vs. operating costs and ridership on North Line Sounder trains.

The report also outlined the COP's support for the Board's recent policy focus on transit-oriented development (TOD) and early planning for potential future transit system expansion.

Areas of concern included increasing operating costs and ridership on Sounder North between Everett and Seattle.

### Innovative construction "unfolding"

Contractors building University Link's Capitol Hill Station are using an innovative and time-saving construction approach.

Turner Construction built a collapsible steel truss system that expands like an accordion to create the framework to build part of the underground station's thick concrete ceiling. Then, after the concrete for each section is poured, the forms are collapsed, moved along a rail system and positioned for the next 40-foot section. Including the time needed to cure the concrete, the cycle is repeated every four to five days. This approach takes less time than conventional framing.

### Mukilteo Station platform

One of Sound Transit's major milestones for 2013 is to the start of construction of the Mukilteo Sounder station south platform.

The Sound Transit Board took a big step in that direction by approving a construction contract with CA Carey Corporation to build a second commuter rail platform on the south side of the main tracks, stairs, elevator towers and a pedestrian bridge connecting the north and south platforms.

Construction is expected to begin in May and last about 16 months.